Year	No. of deportation (As on 31st December)
2001	9,071
2002	6,394
2003	20,768

Non-availability of equipments to tackle natural calamities

†1629. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that necessary equipments are not available to face a natural calamity in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The State Government/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to train and equip search and rescue teams for responding to natural calamities, which is being done. The State Governments have been authorized to utilize 10% of the annual allocation of the Calamity Relief Fund for procurement of essential search and rescue equipments including communication equipments.

Visiting abroad without approval of screening committee

1630. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Secretaries to Government of India from scientific departments are eligible to visit abroad based on invitation received in personal capacity of the officer;

(b) if so, the details of such visits during the years 2001-2004;

(c) whether the officers have to take approval of Screening Committee of Secretaries or Prime Minister before accepting invitation and clearance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act for accepting remuneration/ honorarium;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether the officers are eligible to visit abroad with above clearance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and without approval of Screening Committee or Secretaries of Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultation with various groups of J&K

1631. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government initiated process of consultation with various political groups of J&K outside Hurriyat by holding series of meetings in Delhi in February, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome to those meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have initiated the process of consultations with various groups including political groups in J &K about the ways and means to be adopted to bring about all round development of Jammu and Kashmir and to solve the existing problems faced by the people.

Talks regarding autonomy to J&K

1632. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI MOTIAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently have set up a committee to talk with political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on granting more autonomy to the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the committee and the parameters under which talks would be held?